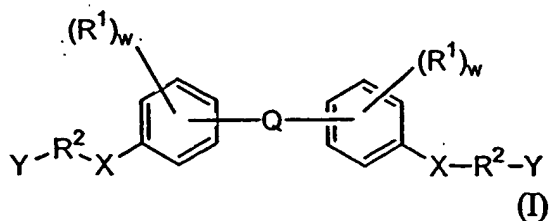


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention provides sodium channel modulating compounds of formula I:



- wherein X, Y, Q, R¹, w, and R² have any of the values defined in the specification, and salts thereof, which are useful for treating diseases or conditions associated with
- 5 sodium channel activity, such as neuropathic pain. The invention also provides pharmaceutical compositions comprising a compound of formula (I) or a salt thereof, as well as therapeutic methods comprising administering such a compound or salt to a mammal (e.g. a human).